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Monday, July 6, 1959

Messrs. Altschull and Hartman of Associated Press came to lunch with me. Altschull takes a hard line about Berlin and thinks a standstill agreement leading to a Summit meeting is desirable.

I went to see von Brentano this afternoon. My conversation with him was summarized in two telegrams. The first was top secret and dealt with the question of the redeployment of our nine air squadrons in France [ ] (See pages 10 and 11 for the second telegram.)

The Graham family arrived today by air from Paris. Kay and Phil are staying at the house, the four children and their companion at the Dreesen Hotel. We had a family dinner tonight, twelve strong. Phil was in his usual inimitable form. He is about the best company in the world.

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monopolized the conversation and devoted his chief attention to what seems to have become his favorite topic, the lack of understanding on the part of the British and American Governments of what General de Gaulle is trying to accomplish.

Earlier in the afternoon I talked with Martin Hillenbrand in Geneva about my fears over certain hints in telegrams emanating from there that we were reconsidering what I thought was our established position on troop strength in Berlin. When Chris was in Berlin, Hamlett and Brandt [redacted] dwelt with great emphasis on the importance of not yielding to the Soviets in this particular. Martin could not reassure me, but said he would report our conversation to Merchant.

Gufler came in today to say goodby. He is taking his oath as Ambassador to Ceylon on Monday and will leave Berlin within a few days thereafter for his new post.

Friday, July 31, 1959

I talked to Tasca this morning about our conversation a couple

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Thursday, September 17, 1959

I saw Mr. Hannum, the new ~~h~~ool Principal, this morning. He had ~~[redacted]~~ lived in Florida for the last ten years, but seems to be bearing up bravely despite the change in climate.

Harold Kaplan, who has replaced John McGowan, called on me this morning. He was with Bill Tyler and Mike Bessie in North Africa during the war, and has a remarkable knowledge of France and French affairs.

I had a talk with De Myers this afternoon about his project for bringing American professors over to occupy chairs established by German universities.

Freddie Flott came to say goodby. He is being transferred to Geneva.

Allen Moreland reported in upon his return from home leave. Then I saw Flora and Sydney Gruson.

E and I took Pogo around to see the Popes of the British Embassy and to meet Pogo's mother. The greeting was hilarious although not amiable. Pope has had long experience in Germany and is said to be the most knowledgeable man in the British Embassy on German affairs. I was especially interested in his views on Brandt, Springer and Beitz.

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We went on from there to the large farewell reception given by the de Grubens. Everyone who knows them regrets their leaving.

Friday, September 18, 1959

The Tylers, Don Junior and I left at 7 o'clock this morning for Hamburg. We were met by Consul General Bailey, and I made a tour with him to meet the employees, many of whom had arrived since I concluded my last rounds there.

In the afternoon we went to Bremen. Harrison Lewis took us to his house, and we remained there until time to go to the Park Hotel for the Fulbright grantee meeting presided over by Dr. Russell.

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long time.

Mr. Van Noy came to see me to say FBI wished to request the assignment of an assistant to him. I told him I would be glad to consent to such an arrangement.

All of our effects from the house and garage have gone to storage, and it looks about as it did the day we came here almost 2 1/2 years ago, except for innumerable picture nails hanging forlornly on the walls. Next week we undertake the operation of packing my wines.

I had a first letter from E today. I gather their trip was pretty rugged but they are settled in Washington. She is ill with fever.

Saturday, September 26, 1959

Office this morning. Beautiful weather. Herr and Frau Reppert-Bismarck, the painters, came to lunch with me.

Sunday, September 27, 1959

Herr Reppert-Bismarck started a portrait of me at 9 o'clock

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